

Privacy and Security

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This is a privacy and security policy for the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

If you have any questions or comments about the information presented here, please contact us:

Address:

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Carson City, NV 89706

Or forward them to us by e-mailing our Webmaster.

Privacy

Your privacy is important to us. Nevada MHDS does not collect or retain personally identifiable information unless a person voluntarily:

- Participates in an activity that asks for information (i.e. sending an email, participating in a survey or filling in an online form). This information will only be used to respond to the person's request and to analyze trends. A message may be redirected to another government agency or person who is in a better position to respond.
- Uses an online service or transaction that requires collection of personally identifiable information.

Choosing not to participate in an activity or service that requests personal information will in no way effect a visitor's ability to access any other feature of the Nevada MHDS website.

If personal information is requested on the web site or volunteered by the user, state law and the federal Privacy Act of 1974 may protect it. However, this information is a public record once it is provided, and may be subject to public inspection and copying if not protected by federal or state law.

Security

- This site is provided as a public service by the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services.
- Information on the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services web site is considered public information and may be distributed or copied. Use of appropriate byline/photo/image credit is requested.
- Data collected through the use of this site is for analytical and statistical purposes, such as assessing what information is of most and least interest, determining technical design specifications, and identifying system performance or problem areas.

- For site security purposes and to ensure that this service remains available to all users, this government computer system employs software programs to monitor network traffic to identify unauthorized attempts to upload or change information, or otherwise cause damage.

- Raw data logs will only be used to identify individual users and their usage habits for authorized law enforcement investigations. These logs are scheduled for regular destruction in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration General Schedule 20 .

- Unauthorized attempts to deny service, upload information, change information, or to attempt to access a non-public site from this service are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under Title 18 of the U.S. Code to include the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and the National Information Infrastructure Protection Act.

The Presence of Commercial/External Links

This website is designed for informational and educational purposes only. You should not use it for diagnosing or treating a health problem or disease. It is not a substitute for professional care. If you suspect you have a health problem, contact your health care provider. The creators of this site do not represent or endorse the accuracy, currency or reliability of any of the information, content, products, or advertisements contained on, distributed through, or linked, downloaded, or accessed from this site. Certain hyperlinks may be provided to web sites not under the control of these creators. These sites are presented for reference and educational purposes only with the same limitations.

Please let us know about existing external links which you believe are inappropriate and about specific additional external links which you believe ought to be included.

Frequently Asked Questions

What information is collected?

The Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services automatically collects and stores the following information about your visit:

- The Internet Protocol address of the computer that accessed our Web site.
- The type of browser, its version and the operating system on which that browser is running.
- The Web page from which the user accessed the current Web page
- The date and time of the user's request
- The pages that were visited and the amount of time spent at each page.

[Click here](#) for a detailed example of the data collected.

How is the information used?

The information that is collected automatically is used to improve Nevada MHDS' web site content and to help Nevada MHDS understand how users are interacting with its web site. This information is collected for statistical analysis and to determine what information is of most and least interest to our visitors. The information is not collected for commercial

marketing purposes and Nevada MHDS is not authorized to sell or otherwise disclose the information collected from mhds.nv.gov for commercial marketing purposes.

What is a cookie and how is it used?

A "cookie" is a small file containing a string of characters that is sent to your computer when you visit a website. When you visit the website again, the cookie allows that site to recognize your browser. Cookies may store user preferences and other information. You can reset your browser to refuse all cookies or to indicate when a cookie is being sent. However, some website features or services may not function properly without cookies. On the Nevada MHDS web site, cookies may be used to retain a visitor's preference for font size or style version.

What are the web policies of the State of Nevada?

You can read the policies here .